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TECH NEWS



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Tech Drops on Amherst

Rensselaer Wins

Tech commenced its 1919 basket ball season last Friday evening with a win over the speedy Amherst five at Amherst. Our team, Steele lf, Kushner rf, McCaffrey c, Pickwick lg, Carlson rg, took the lead at the start and were never headed, winning 32 to 24. Capt. Joe Kushner starred, getting eighteen of our points. He was all over the floor and was fighting every minute. Carlson played well at guard, breaking up many plays.

The following eight men made the trip with Coach Swasey: Joe Kushner capt., Lieut. Carlson, Sam Steele, G. E. McCaffrey, Fred Pickwick, L. E. Maynard, H. A. Johnson and Phil Lundgren.

From Amherst the team traveled to Troy, N. Y., where it was scheduled to line up against Rensselaer.

TECH GIVES RENSSELAER RUB

The Tech basketball five, after beginning the season in fine style by defeating Amherst, succumbed to the superior playing of the Rensselaer team at Troy last Saturday night, losing 22 to 11. Coach Swasey started the same team that played the Amherst game: Kushner and Steele, forwards; McCaffrey center; Pickwick and Carlson guards. Rensselaer led at the end of the first half, 8 to 7, but in the second half forged ahead when the Tech players began to feel the strain of their long journey.

In the second half Lundgren replaced McCaffrey at center, Mac taking Carlson's position at guard. Lundgren showed up well while he was in. The team as a whole displayed fine teamwork, but were in hard luck when it came to caging baskets. Steele, Pickwick and McCaffrey obtained a basket apiece, while Capt. Kushner shot five free tries.

Practice will be started this week for the first home game, which comes next Saturday night, Connecticut Aggies coming up to try our mettle. A fraternity game will probably precede the contest. A game has been arranged by Manager "Bob" Sessions for March 8, with the Rhode Island State College team, to be played up here.

TEAM IS WORKING SMOOTHLY

Coach Swasey has whipped the team into fine shape and is developing a team which should place Tech on the basket

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INTER-FRATERNITY BASKET-BALL CONFERENCE

All the fraternities sent delegates to the league meeting held in the coach's office Friday, Jan. 9, 1919. The eligibility of the men playing basketball in the Inter-Fraternity games was decided upon. It was agreed that no player, making the trip with the varsity squad, would be eligible to play in these games. The schedule of the games will be drawn up by Coach Swasey and will be posted. Two games are to be played on Wednesday afternoon, from five to six, and one Saturday nights as a preliminary to the varsity games. The matter of the trophy was also discussed. Coach Swasey suggested that the fraternities buy a permanent trophy and the fraternity obtaining three legs upon that trophy should be awarded it. The matter of the trophy will be decided upon at a later date.

STUDENTS THANK FACULTY

The students wish to thank the faculty through the NEWS for their entertainment on December 7. The students had been following the routine of military life, and there had been no let-up, until this welcome change was announced. Many men who had long waited for such a diversion, attended and spent a very pleasant evening. Dancing was the main feature of the evening, but games also played an important part. Refreshments were served and the dance was continued until midnight.

The Freshmen also wish to express their gratitude to President and Mrs. Hollis for the reception given them last November. They were warmly received by the President and his wife and soon felt at home. Singing and dancing were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served. The evening ended with a Long Worcester for the host and hostess.

DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION

There will probably be no "Tech Show" presented by the Dramatic Association this year, owing to the delay caused by the military training. Former years preparations have been started earlier in the year than was possible this year. The program has always been of especial interest and will be very much missed this year. The abandonment will not be permanent, and it is hoped that there will be increased interest in the program presented by the association next year.

Half-Way-Through Annual Banquet

At a meeting of the Junior class, held on Tuesday, a committee was appointed to arrange for the annual Half-Way-Through Banquet. The Sterling Inn will be the scene of the affair this year. It will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, and special car service will be provided both ways. The committee consisting of A. G. Blodgett, S. W. Briggs, and P. J. Harriman, promise a Junior celebration that will surpass anything of the kind held heretofore.

MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

Plans are underway at present for the reorganization of the orchestra under the leadership of F. W. Bauder '20. A meeting for this purpose was held Friday and several candidates turned out. The orchestra will probably give two dances and a concert during the season. The next meeting is to be Friday at 5:00 p. m. in the gymnasium and it is desired that all men who play musical instruments shall be present.

The glee club and mandolin club have as yet no plans for this year, but in all probability they will soon be under way again as Tech life assumes its natural course.

MILITARY MATTERS

Lieutenant Norman E. Ross left Wednesday for his home town of Biddeford, Maine. Lieutenant Ross was battalion quartermaster officer of the S. A. T. C. at Worcester Tech and Assumption College. He has returned to Bates college, from which he was sent to Plattsburg last summer.

Lieutenant Thos. Mahan, personnel officer at Assumption college, who had been stationed at Tech since the discharging of the men at Assumption college on the fourteenth of December, has returned to Holy Cross college.

E. M. Maynard, acting battalion supply sergeant, Alonzo T. Knight, acting sergeant-major and Private Ford were also discharged last week. These men had been kept in the service to help Lt. Ross in clearing up the work at the S. A. T. C. supply office in the gymnasium.

Only Captain Thos. H. Smith, commanding officer of the Tech unit, and Lieutenant Walter K. Belknap are still at Tech. The latter expects his discharge very soon.

THE BLANKET TAX

The results of the Blanket Tax canvass this week for the support of Tech activities are as follows:

CLASS	Percentage subscribing
Seniors	65 per cent
Juniors	83 per cent
Sophomores	79 per cent
Freshmen	61 per cent

The Freshmen returns are incomplete, as about one-fourth of the class did not return the slips and hence are placed in the doubtful column.

Considering the whole student body, seventy per cent agree to financially support athletics. This is fair, considering the times. Perhaps the doubtful Freshmen will raise the average.

Remember that, as well as money, the teams need personal support. Watch the practice and be out to see the games. A goodly number of Tech neighbors would attend our contests if they knew that the teams were to be enthusiastically supported from the sidelines.

There are still a number of men at Tech who can easily afford the payment of the blanket tax. Nine-tenths of this tax goes to support athletics. If you decided a little hastily not to pay the tax go around and see Prof. Knight and fix things up right. Remember, this is the last cent you will be asked for during the next two terms. This tax covers everything.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

The following men were elected as officers of the Junior class:

President—George L. White of Housatonic.

Vice President—George H. Anderson of Worcester.

Treasurer—Leland Stone of Otter River.

Secretary—Harold G. Hunt of Worcester.

CALENDAR

Every day—Varsity basketball practice

Monday, Jan. 13—Mass meeting of athletic association for election of officers

Tuesday, Jan. 14—Meeting of the Newman club. News assignments, Room 113, M. E. Building.

Wednesday, Jan. 15—Inter-fraternity basketball games in the gymnasium.

Friday, Jan. 17—Anniversary of the beginning of last year's finals.

Saturday, Jan. 18—Inter-fraternity basketball game in the gymnasium.

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BOOST TECH

EDITORIAL

Two weeks of this term have passed, and the NEWS regrets to state that no word has been received concerning the organization of our Senior class. The war has robbed the fourth year men of their class officers, and the business manager and editors of its Aftermath. Some members of the class have returned to school, after serving in many varied branches of the service, and among these men there are not a few who could take on the duties of the class officers, and make the remaining pages of the class of 1919 as memorable as those of the first three years. Let us hope that our next issue will record the permanent officers of our Senior class.

Unless work commences immediately upon the class Aftermath, it is inevitable that the class whose members have been educated during a most memorable period of our history will leave the Institute without a written history. Let us hope that our graduating class will not disappoint the under-graduates and alumni of Tech by creating a precedent of many years, and go forth from Boynton Hill without publishing an Aftermath.

The blanket tax, which has been explained to the various classes during the past week, is an issue which every man on Boynton Hill should support. For upon this subscription will be based the volume of student activities at the Institute. The proposition is put squarely in front of each individual: Do Tech men want to maintain athletics and a school paper the coming year? The answer to this question cannot be made verbally. It must find a direct reply from the pocket of every Tech man. This blanket tax is the best method that has been devised for providing funds for Tech activities. A college without athletics is dead and a college without a school paper of some sort is likewise dead. Sometimes we, who are striving to become engineers, forget that a successful man in any branch of industry is the man who is not equipped along narrow lines. That breadth of vision that we observe in all truly great men does not come from books alone. While remembering the main objects of school, yet the old proverb of "Jack and no play" holds good here as in a good many other places. What better diversion can we find than watching (if we can't play) a good clean football, baseball or basket ball game? And if we wish to take a more active part in this necessary diversion from studies, what better experience for a young man can be gained than through writing for the school paper? How often do we read in the biographies of great men that "he wrote for his college paper," while at school. A little thought will show us that this ten dollars which we are asked to give to Tech athletics and to the NEWS is in truth not a gift. To give to the support of both these things is for every Tech man an investment which may in late years bring back its profit in the person of a bigger, healthier and broader engineer. Our basket ball team is doing well. Let us show them and all our athletic teams that we will do our part; and let us do this not "some time" but DO IT NOW. Sign the pledge sheet and hand it in at the office. Show the alumni who gave us such a splendid gymnasium and founded for us a Tech paper that we are grateful for the institution that they provided, and that while we are here these things shall receive our heartiest support. Let every "Techite" shell out.

The whole student body is naturally much pleased with the report that holidays and vacations are to be observed as in normal times. Concentrated college work has not proven much of a success unless the concentration is for reasonably short periods.

NEWMAN CLUB MEETING

The Newman club will hold the first meeting of the year tonight, in the reception room of the gymnasium. The membership of the club has been greatly increased by the addition of nearly thirty Freshmen. Election of officers, and formulating plans for the coming year will be the business of the evening. It is expected that the Newman club will repeat its annual reception and dance in the gymnasium, within a few weeks.

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Team Is Working Smoothly

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ball map this year. With the return of Mossberg, who is coming out toward the end of this week, and the return to school of Stoughton, who played so well last season, it will be possible to bolster up any weak spots which may appear. Campbell and Ormsbee will be able to play in the near future and also aid in strengthening the five.

The first cut was made in the squad last week, eighteen men being retained for regular practice: Captain Kushner Carlson, Campbell, W. W. Harney, Hunter, Johnson, Lundgren, Maynard, Stephens, Colesworthy, Steele, Pickwick, Wilson, Hunt, Trombley, Bauder, Mossberg and McCaffrey being the fortunate ones. They will continue practice each night until further notice. The coach intends to cut the squad still further in the near future.

Kushner is recovering his eye for the basket and with the rest of the team showing fine team work and shooting Tech will make its opponents go some in all future games.

HOW IT WAS DONE

Members of Company A of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will not readily forget Friday the thirteenth of December. With the S. A. T. C. unit disbanding on Saturday, the students acted on the supposition that it would be impossible to maintain discipline and proceeded to "rough-house" their barracks. The sergeant, whose patience had reached the breaking point, gave the men a minute to quiet down but the uproar did not cease. Then the captain appeared with an automatic in his holster and gave the men ten minutes to dress and "fall in" outside.

At 10:30 p. m. the company started on a hike over broken ground and barbed wire, which lasted until midnight. Then the men returned to the Institute and began to march around the athletic field, the officers taking turns in marching the company. This nocturnal drill lasted until 6:30 a. m., when the men were ready to fall asleep in any place which presented itself. About twenty miles were covered during the night and thus discipline was maintained up to the last minute of military life at Rensselaer.

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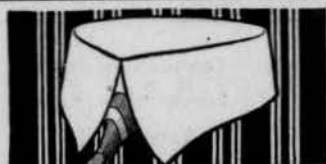
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C. E. NOTES

Seniors in civil engineering have completed the design of a steel roof truss, a steel floor framing plan for a building, and are now finishing a design for a plate girder railroad bridge. The designs are accompanied by estimates of material and costs. The work in design has been kept fully up to the schedule of former years, despite the handicap of the first term of the S. A. T. C.

The schedule for sophomore surveying this year has, of necessity, been radically changed. In normal times the first term has been utilized in plane surveying and the major part of the second term has been spent on railroad curves. This year the time allowed during the first terms was sufficient only for the study of the theory, but during the third term ample time is available to get in practically as much field work as in the normal schedule, with the advantage of concentration.

Of the large number of returning officers and soldiers, the following recent civils have called at the department office: John H. Beck, '12, 1st Lieut. Field Artillery, Instructor in Gunnery for over a year at the school of fire at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; W. W. Hall, '18, 2nd Lieut., Camp Devens; Frank Lubinsky, '17, 2nd Lieut., F. A., Camp Taylor, Ken.; E. E. Stickney, '15, was attending the O. T. C., Camp Taylor, Ken.; A. H. Woods, '18, Ensign U. S. N. R. F., recently commissioned at Harvard; W. L. G. Mackenzie, '17, Captain in Engineer Corps, sailed from Brest, France, the day before the armistice was signed, after six months' service in France. His orders were to come home to get another regiment for overseas duty.

G. E. Robinson, '17, Captain in Engineer Corps, was assigned the last of October to a sapper regiment, which was forming in Texas, for overseas duty. H. P. J. Johnson, '19, 2nd Lieut., commissioned at Plattsburg this summer, was assigned to Camp Grant, resigned in December and expects to be back at Tech next year.

B. W. Marsh, '19, 2nd Lieut., also visited Tech. He was commissioned at Fortress Monroe.

SKATING AND TOBOGGANING

Many students have availed themselves of the fine opportunities for skating during the past week. The ice at Elm Park is in fine condition and it is but two or three minutes walk from the school. It is possible to check clothing while on the ice and an enjoyable time may be had by students fond of skating.

Attention of the students is also called to the excellent opportunity presented for tobogganing on the chutes at Green Hill Park. Take a Grant Square and go to the end of the line. It is possible to hire sleds for a nominal sum at a shack near the end of the car line.

G. R. Roden, Jr., '20, who is a cadet in Naval Aviation, visited Tech over the week-end. He may return soon.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

At the meeting of the A. S. M. E. council on December 3, 1918, resolutions recommending a committee on co-operation of employer and employee were favorably received. Professor H. P. Fairfield has been appointed a section delegate on Committee B—Relations of the Engineer to the Community. The chairman of the committee is G. I. Rockwood, president of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company and a member of the class of 1888.

Charles M. Newcomb, recently elected a manager of the A. S. M. E. for 1918-1921, was a member of the class of 1880 at the Institute. In 1881 he entered the employ of the Deane Steam Pump Company and was general manager when it was merged into the Worthington Pump and Machinery Corporation in 1916. Mr. Newcomb as a mechanical engineer specialized in steam and hydraulic engineering.

R. D. Lambert of the class of 1917, who withdrew when a senior to enter the naval service, has returned to the Institute.

E. H. Classen, '11, was a recent visitor on the Hill. The smile he always wore in the Book and Supply Room has not yet come off.

R. C. Lewis, '18, who left the Institute to enter the air service has returned to his studies.

550 MILES IN 250 MINUTES

In four hours and ten minutes from the time it left Dayton, Ohio, a standard De Havilland-4 army plane landed in New York City. The machine, which was equipped with a twelve-cylinder four-hundred horse-power Liberty motor, is the same type which was used by the American airmen during the last four months of the war. On account of the large supplies of oil and gasoline which they are able to carry, it is feasible to make a thousand-mile nonstop trip with these planes. The average speed was one hundred and thirty-two miles per hour and one of the passengers remarked that, although they did not poke along, they did not race at any time. The next day this plane made the trip from New York to Washington, a distance of two hundred and twenty-four miles, in two hours and five minutes. The pilot said that he could have covered the distance from Washington to Dayton, which requires eighteen hours by train, in four or five hours.

Y. M. C. A. STILL HELPS

Secretary Stuart has announced that the post office department, check cashing accommodations, etc., which were run by the Y. M. C. A. during the existence of the S. A. T. C. on the hill, will be continued as formerly for the convenience of the students. During the past months of military rule at Tech, the various commodities furnished by the association have been greatly appreciated by the fellows, and they will be glad to know that these privileges are to be continued.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

News was received here recently that Lieut. Albert B. R. Prouty, U. S. N. R. F., W. P. I. '14, died from pneumonia, Nov. 10, at a base hospital in Leith, Scotland. His funeral was held at his home in North Brookfield, Mass., Dec. 13.

Lieut. Millard A. Clement, W. P. I. '12, who was on the U. S. S. New York, with Lieut. Prouty, made a call on the hill recently and related interesting incidents which he experienced while on U. S. S. New York. It was the New York which met the president's convoy and escorted it to Brest. She also took an active part in bringing about the surrender of the German fleet in the Firth of Forth.

Lieut. Clement took the course offered at Fortress Monroe and left for France a year ago.

Captains Horace F. Banan, W. P. I. '16, and Merton L. Haselton, '15, of the Coast Artillery, were ordered, in November, back to the United States, from active service with their batteries at the front, for work of instruction and organization in this country. They are now at Fort Totten.

Major Thomas M. Lynch, former member of the class of '07, died last month at his home in Washington, D. C. He was in government service in the General Supply Department, and had formerly lived in Worcester.

J. Alfred Peterson, W. P. I. '04, Assistant Superintendent of the New York Insulated Wire Co., Wallingford, Conn., died Jan. 3 from influenza, at the home of his father-in-law Mr. Herman Nelson, 42 Merrifield street, of this city.

Students returning from service to the Institute to take up their work in electrical engineering are: in the senior class, A. G. Carlson, R. W. Heffernan, P. S. Haselton, T. B. Rutherford, H. R. Kimball; in the junior class in E. E. A. W. Hill, D. T. Canfield, R. M. T. Peterson, R. H. Bryant; and in the sophomore class, H. S. Hunting, R. R. Jenness and T. B. Card.

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He was given a military funeral, to which the class of 1920, whose president he was, sent a representative. Lincoln was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

The class of 1920 passed the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the class of 1920, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts, December the third, nineteen hundred and eighteen, upon the death of their classmate, Cadet Almon Kemp Lincoln, U. S. A., who was killed December the third, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Whereas, the hand of Divine Providence has enlisted in its service our classmate and president, Cadet Almon Kemp Lincoln, who, by perseverance and faithfulness and genial disposition has attained a high rank amongst those who were his nearest and dearest friends. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Cadet Almon Kemp Lincoln, to whose memory this is just a modest tribute, the class of 1920 of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute has lost a classmate who will ever be remembered by us all as a good fellow with the true class spirit and love for his college.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt testimonial of sympathy and sorrow to his relatives in their great loss of one so dear to us all.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Journal of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in the Pittsfield Eagle, in the Worcester Gazette and in the Worcester Telegram, and that they be recorded upon the minutes of the class of 1920.

(Signed) HERBERT E. BROOKS,
 PAUL J. HARRIMAN,
 G. RICHARD TITCOMB,
 MALCOLM B. ARTHUR,
 Committee.

WINFIELD M. PUTNAM '17

Winfield M. Putnam '17, 1st Lieut., 16th Field Artillery, died Oct. 20th in the base hospital at Nantes, France. Lieut. Putnam was the son of Willis S. Putnam '89. He was but four days on the firing line south of the Vesle, when he received a foot wound Aug. 10th, which necessitated amputation. Later infection set in which caused his death. Previous to being wounded he served as battalion gas instructor. At the Institute, he became a member of Delta Tau fraternity and stood out prominently as track manager and was a very active member of the dramatic association.

Y. M. C. A.

A conference of the officers and cabinet members of the Y. M. C. A. of Clark College and Tech was held in Fitchburg over Saturday and Sunday. Plans for the Y. M. C. A. work of the two colleges for the coming months were discussed. The work of these two branches will be carried on somewhat in conjunction this year. Mr. Stuart will take charge of the activities of the Clark branch as well as those here on the Hill.

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